

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment to Claim 1 adds the limitations of Claims 4 and 5 thereto, removes the objected-to terms “high crystalline” and “low crystalline,” and defines E^2 and E^3 in Formulae II and III as independently representing a silylene group, an oligosilylene group, or a side chain lower alkyl or phenyl-substituted group thereof. See specification page 18, second paragraph – page 19, top. Component (4) has been clarified in accordance with specification page 33, middle. In addition, claim 1 has been clarified with regard to optional component (5).

Original Claim 6, indicated as allowable in paragraph 13 of the Official Action, has been placed in independent form. The indication of allowability of this claim is appreciated.

New Claims 9 and 10 find support in original Claims 7 and 8. New Claims 11 and 12 find support in original Claims 2 and 3. New Claims 13-16 find support in original Claims 7 and 8. New Claims 17-19 find support in original Claim 1. Claim 20 is supported at specification page 18, second paragraph. No new matter has been entered.

Because the subject matter of Claims 4 and 5 has been included in Claim 1, the only rejection which remains possibly pertinent is that appearing in paragraph 11 at page 5 of the Official Action over Machida (Japan ‘212). However, this reference fails to disclose or suggest the combination of a metallocene catalyst (1) as represented by general formula (I) with a metallocene catalyst (2) represented by general formula (II) or (III).

As pointed out above, the variables E^2 and E^3 have been amended in Claim 1 such that they relate to a silylene group, an oligosilylene group, or a side chain lower alkyl or phenyl-substituted group thereof. The closest corresponding formula in Machida appears to be formula III, but E^1 and E^2 there are limited to groups other than those presently required by Claim 1. Because nothing in the reference discloses or suggests the particular formula II

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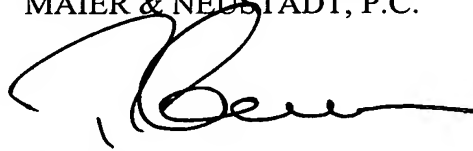
or formula III compounds required herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection over Machida is no longer pertinent, and that it should be withdrawn.

Finally, the characteristics noted in original Claim 3 (fEEE, [EEE], etc.) are terms known in the art and are described in the specification beginning at page 47, which describes how they are measured.

Accordingly, and in view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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